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FAITHLESS CORN.

Corn has decided to do without the respect and admiration of the people. The promise of the crop at the period following early seeding was unexcelled, and every eater of meat and eggs in the land could congratulate himself that this promise was equal to the realization of last year. The immense crop of 1910 had cheapened food considerably, and another large one this year would have had a tendency to settle prices for a couple of years or more, provided no real shortage occurred in the crops of those years, says the Providence Journal. But the current stock of information about the 1911 crop makes the prospects for such a substantial arrangement for trade and business wherever dependent on the crop anything but bright. Beef and hogs, with poultry, will be the corn-eaters most directly affected. There is danger of a repetition of the highest prices for them, and of the possible maximum charge once more for eggs and fresh fowls. Three months ago the promise under which these all have been sold since last fall brought a large supply of cheap corn into the market. Today the indications are of a rise to the figures of last summer and of September and October of last year. It is possible that the warm weather and drought conditions have not seriously hurt the crop and that the quotations for corn will fall off correspondingly when the real facts are shown to be more propitious.

Among the other interesting pieces of news set afloat this summer is one coming from the shoemakers of Boston to the effect that women's feet are growing larger. The shoemakers do not like this, as more leather is thus required for every pair of shoes turned out. Chicago, having heard the word from Boston, has explanations ready. A large retailer of woman's footgear in the Windy City admits that women's feet are growing larger, but says this is due to outings and athletics. For several years, he exercises, doing more walking, playing more games.

Last year there died in the United States of pulmonary tuberculosis about 180,000 people! Multiply this number by three and a fraction—the ratio of India's population to our own—and you will find that these terrible figures covering the loss of life from the plague in India, when analyzed, show that out of a thousand men, women and children in the United States, practically as many die of consumption in the ordinary year as died of the plague in India during the past six months of epidemic. It really seems as if civilized America ought to be able to do a little better than that!

A practical joker at Atlantic City wanted to scare the crowd with an imitation of a drowning man. It took an hour to restore him after the scare had become a real one. The water is an element which does not lend itself kindly to this peculiar form of humor.

The highest paid woman in government service is announced, though somewhat needlessly, to be engaged in the occupation of making money. She is in actual charge of making coins at the mint.

A rich woman from New York, angrily declined to become a patron of a Los Angeles hotel when she was informed that her doggie would not be permitted to receive massage treatments in the barber shop. Aren't some hotel keepers independent!

After she had jabbed her hatpin into a man's eye a San Francisco woman scolded her victim for having his eye where it interfered with her hatpin. We feel almost sure that she belongs to the class of women who regard all men as brutes.

The chicken, as well as the dog, has had its day. A St. Louis hen bumped into a motor car and wrecked it. Possibly this is the solution of the old conundrum: "Why does a chicken cross the road?"

A New York woman says she hangs her head in shame because America is not producing more great poets. Poets are born, but we can't expect them at the rate of one a minute.

ANOTHER GREAT WRESTLING MATCH



CHICAGO EVENING POST.

SUCCESS AFTER SEVEN YEARS

WILLIAM BURGESS SWIMS ENGLISH CHANNEL.

Accomplished Task Which He Had Attempted Unsuccessfully Nine Times Before.

London, England.—William Burgess, a Yorkshire man, swam the English channel from Dover to Cape Grisnez. The swimmer landed at Cape Grisnez almost exactly 24 hours after leaving Dover.

Burgess has been trying for years to emulate the feat of Capt. Webb in 1875, and several times he got within a mile of the goal, only to be swept away by the receding tide.

Burgess' success in swimming the English channel followed nine unsuccessful attempts to negotiate the narrow span of water between the French and English coasts.

COTTON MOST VALUABLE CROP

for This Year's Production Than Ever Before.

New Orleans, Louisiana.—Producers received 1,030 million dollars for the cotton crop of 1910, including seed, making it the most valuable crop ever raised in the South. With the yield 1,700,000 bales less than the bumper crop of 1908 the farmers received \$254,000,000 more for the past year's crop than for that of 1908. These are the figures compiled by H. C. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

The average price received by the farmers was 14.60 cents a pound, or \$75.69 a bale.

KANSAN'S COURTSHIP BY MAIL

State Labor Commissioner Married in St. Louis—Had Seen Lady Five Times in Ten Years.

St. Louis, Missouri.—Miss Katherine Kane of 5637 Easton avenue became the bride of Owen Doyle, state labor commissioner of Kansas, at 10 o'clock a. m. The ceremony was performed at St. Edward's church, Clara Avenue and North Market street, by the Rev. Father Winn.

Most of the courtship was by letter and friends say Doyle and Miss Kane had seen each other only four or five times in the last ten years.

Sleep Talk Betrayed Him.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.—Walter Hamilton, who escaped from the penitentiary at Huntsville, Tex., November 21, 1905, after shooting two guards and having his own fingers shot off, has just been captured here. Hamilton is said to have talked in his sleep at a neighbor's house, and revealed the fact that he is an ex-convict.

Says Law Permits Boycotts.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.—In arguing the cotton trust cases before the state supreme court, Frank Dale, attorney for the indicted cotton men, said that the Oklahoma anti-trust law, by exempting labor unions from its provisions, legalizes boycotts, and is therefore in violation of the constitution of the United States.

Cricket Is Farmers' Friend.

Minneapolis, Minn.—M. P. Somer, grasshopper expert for the state department of entomology, declares that crickets have an insatiable appetite for grasshopper eggs and are eating them by the millions.

MAY TURN LIGHT ON WYANDOTTE

Stubbs Hears of Joins Running and Stirs Up Officials—Inquisition May be Ordered.

Kansas City, Kansas.—Gov. Stubbs has information that the prohibitory law and other laws are not being as strictly enforced in Wyandotte county as they might be. The governor made the announcement publicly before some 5,000 people at the Merchants and Manufacturers' fair.

Gov. Stubbs met with H. T. Zimmer, chief of police, in the parlor of the Hotel Grand to discuss the situation. Joseph Taggart, the prosecutor, heard of the statements made by the governor and appeared at the hotel.

"I am ready to prosecute," Mr. Taggart said.

"Well, when I get through I will give you plenty of chance to prosecute," the governor said. "There may be an inquisition too, to determine why these places were not ferreted out and prosecuted before."

RATS INVADE FT. LEAVENWORTH

Since Dogs and Cats Were Banished, Rodents Have Had Things Their Own Way.

Leavenworth, Kansas.—Millions of rats have invaded Fort Leavenworth since the banishing of the dogs and cats, and so serious has the situation become that official action to eliminate the nuisance will be taken.

Poisons and traps have been extensively used, but the rat army seems to increase rather than decrease. It is believed several rat hunting parties will be organized and an effort made to get the pests into one of the stable buildings, after which the various holes will be closed and the slaughter with clubs begin. The authorities are determined to rid the post of rats if it takes every man stationed there to do it. They realize, however, that they have one of the biggest jobs on their hands that they ever have undertaken.

One Dead in Engine Crash.

Chanute, Kansas.—D. H. Dunham, an M. K. & T. engineer of Parsons was killed when his engine stopped on the Santa Fe crossing southeast of the city, squarely in front of an approaching freight train. Failure of the air brakes to work properly was the cause.

Arkansas Negro Lynched.

Augusta, Ark.—Arthur Dean, a negro, was lynched by a mob here in the main street. Dean had slashed the throat of Mrs. Albert Vaughan, daughter of a white farmer, shot and killed a negro and assaulted an aged woman.

Arizona's Election Day Set.

Phoenix, Arizona.—Governor Sloan will issue a proclamation September 20 calling the first state election in Arizona. According to the governor's plan he will set the state primaries for October 24 and the general election for December 12.

Monorail in Germany.

Homburg, Prussia.—The local authorities voted to establish a monorail service between Homburg and Koenigsstein. This railroad will be the first project of its kind in Germany.

Killed at Telephone.

Wellington, Kansas.—Mrs. Edward Brothers, 52 years old, was electrocuted here when she took hold of a telephone wire which was crossed with a wire carrying 3,300 volts.

MAINE GOES "WET" BY 904

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS SEEM TO FAVOR LIQUOR MEN.

Cities Chief Stronghold for Repeal of Liquor Laws—Governor May Call Legislature.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—Unofficial and only partly revised returns from 499 out of 521 cities, towns and plantations in Maine gave a majority of 904 for repeal of the prohibition constitutional amendment. The missing 22 towns cast less than 335 votes at the state election three years ago. The vote by congressional districts was as follows:

	For Repeal,	Against.
First district	17,382	15,473
Second district	15,932	15,220
Third district	13,457	13,603
Fourth district	14,011	15,582

Total

One hundred and twenty thousand voters cast ballots on the question. With the 25 towns missing, the vote was 60,878 for repeal and 59,563 against a change in the constitution.

As had been predicted, the cities were the chief strongholds of the repeal faction, but the majority of 12,000 in the total city vote was barely sufficient, according to the latest available returns, to offset the vote of the rural regions.

Little excitement marked the voting. Although the polls in some of the cities were crowded during much of the time, it was an orderly crowd and gave the officials little or no trouble.

Since 1857 Maine has had a statute prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and since 1884 prohibition has been a part of the constitution. In 1884 the question of placing prohibition in the constitution was put before the people, and prohibition won by a majority of 45,933, carrying every county in the state. Following this, the attacks of the anti-prohibitionists ceased for a time only to be renewed in later years.

The apparent decision of the voters on the face of the returns to take prohibition out of the constitution, does not mean that liquor can lawfully be sold. The legislature must act before the present statutory law, adopted in 1857, can be repealed and the question must again go before the people.

Whether Gov. Frederick W. Plaisted will call a special session of the legislature for the purpose is not definitely known, but it is reported that the

POSTAL AVIATOR HAS ACCIDENT

British Flier With 200 Pounds of Mail Injured as Result of Defective Engine.

London, England.—Hubert, one of the aviators of the aerial postal service just inaugurated by the British postoffice has met with a dangerous accident.

Hubert had just got away from Hendon with 200 pounds of mail when his engine went wrong and the aeroplane crashed to the earth, burying the aviator under a mass of debris.

Another Long Flight Begins.

San Francisco.—Robert F. Fowler, the first aviator to attempt a transcontinental flight, sped up the fertile Sacramento valley and landed at the foot of the Sierras. With only a brief stop at Sacramento for oil and gasoline, he drove his biplane high over the rolling foothills and landed at Auburn, Cal., 126 miles from his starting point.

Fire Destroys Church.

Atchison, Kansas.—In the heavy rainstorm lightning struck the English Lutheran church at Moray and before the fire was discovered the church was almost destroyed.

TOPEKA CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Opening of Fair Week Marks Semi-Centennial of State of Kansas—New "White Way" Completed.

Topeka, Kansas.—Topeka's big celebration of the semi-centennial of Kansas is on. Elaborate plans have been made to properly observe the 50th birthday of the state and the week will be filled with events intended to entertain.

Topeka has put on its gala attire and a new "White Way," from First to Tenth streets on Kansas avenue, with 12 iron poles to each block and five lights on each pole, was opened. This is a permanent fixture for Kansas avenue.

Ready for College at 15.

Hutchinson, Kan.—Ralph Holmes, son of Rev. J. L. Holmes, is believed to be the youngest high school graduate in Kansas. He completed a full high school course at the age of 15 and will enter Southwest Kansas college at Winfield.

GREW STEADILY WORSE.

Chicago Woman Experiences Terrible Suffering from Kidney Trouble.

Mrs. Emma Kunze, 1649 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill., says: "A crick took me in my back and the pain was so terrible I could not straighten. I



was confined to bed and could not turn without assistance. I grew enough better to sit up but began to suffer from rheumatic pains, so bad I often cried out. Kidneys were in dreadful condition and secretions suppressed.

Finally I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and was cured. My health is now fine and my kidneys act perfectly."

"When Your Back is Lame, Remember the Name—DOAN'S."

For sale by druggists and general storekeepers everywhere. Price 50c, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Up-to-Date.

Uncle Mose, a plantation negro, was being asked about his religious affiliations.

"It's a preacher, sa," he said. "Do you mean," asked the astonished questioner, "that you preach the Gospel?"

Mose felt himself getting into deep water.

"No, sah," he said. "Ah touches that subject very light."—Success Magazine.

TRY BALL BLUING.

The housewife's friend on washday. Large package 5 cents. Blue that is all blue. Once RED CROSS BALL BLUE is tried, all others are discarded.

There is a reason: Liquid bluing is a weak solution of colored water, while Ball Bluing is solid blue, clear through. 5 and 10 cent sizes. ALL GROCERS.

Social Distinction.

In some parts of the south the darkies are still addicted to the old-style country dance in a big hall, with the fiddlers, banjoists and other musicians on the platform at one end.

At one such dance held not long ago in an Alabama town, when the fiddlers had duly resined their bows and taken their places on the platform the floor manager rose.

"Git yo' partners fo' de nex' dance!" he yelled. "All you ladies an' gennu-mens dat wears shoes an' stockins, take yo' places in de middle of de room. All you ladies an' gennu-mens dat wears shoes an' no stockins, take yo' barefooted crowd, you jes' jig it round in de corners."—Lippincott's Magazine.

When the Minister Scored.

In a contribution to the Christian Register, Thomas R. Slicer tells this: "Some men the other night, in conversation with me, knowing I was a minister—and it is the spirit of this time to put it up to a minister in terms at least of gentle satire—said: 'We have been discussing conscience,' and one of them said, 'I have given a definition of conscience; it is the vermicular appendix of the soul,' and they laughed. And I said, 'That is a good definition in your case; you never know you have it until it hurts you.' Then they did not laugh."

Why She Smiled.

"She must love her husband dearly; she smiles whenever she looks toward him."

"That isn't because she loves him, it is because she has a sense of humor."—Houston Post.

He who knows most grieves for wasted time.—Dante.

Try For Breakfast—

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and serve at once—seasoning to taste.

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